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Storm Fergus to conclude wet and windy weekend

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A wet and windy weekend for much of the UK will conclude with Storm Fergus, which has been named by Met Éireann.

On Saturday, Storm Elin, also named by the Irish Meteorological Service, brought some strong winds and rain to parts of the UK. A provisional peak gust of 81mph was recorded at Capel Curig, Wales, with 38.3mm of rain falling at Blencathra, northern England.

A band of rain, at times heavy, is moving gradually from west to east through the day on Sunday and will affect much of the UK, before the arrival of Storm Fergus to western areas later in the afternoon. A number of Met Office warnings for rain have been issued, predominantly focused on northwest England and southwest Scotland, as well as parts of northern and eastern Scotland.

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A dry and bright start to Sunday across much of England and Wales, before rain quickly arrives from the west

Cloudier across Scotland and Northern Ireland with outbreaks of rain

Windy, particularly in the south and west

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Met Office Chief Meteorologist Andy Page said: “Storm Fergus will conclude what has been an unsettled weekend of weather for the UK. Fergus will bring some strong winds and heavy rain for a time late on Sunday and into the early hours of Monday morning.

“While the strongest gusts are expected in the Republic of Ireland, Storm Fergus will bring some windy conditions to western areas, including Irish Sea coasts, while also bringing some potentially impactful rain. The rain has potential to be disruptive in parts of northern England and parts of Scotland, especially where it’s falling on very saturated ground.”

The warnings highlight potential travel disruption and the possibility of some flooding for homes and businesses. Storm Fergus will weaken as it moves to the east in the early hours of Monday morning.

Flood warnings

Flood warnings for the UK are issued by the local environment agencies; Natural Resources Wales, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, the Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland and the Environment Agency in England.

It is important to stay up to date with warnings in your local area.

Next week

Although there will be a brief drier interlude for many on Monday, further unsettled weather is likely on Tuesday, as the next area of low-pressure moves in from the west. This could bring with it some heavy rain at times, as well as some strong winds on exposed coasts.

A yellow warning for rain has been issued for eastern Scotland from Tuesday morning through to the early hours of Wednesday and will continue to be reviewed in the coming days.

Later next week, there are some signals for a more settled period of weather to build in from the south, though those further northwest are likely to see continued periods of winds and rain.

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